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The Hongkong Telegraph.

ESTABLISHED 1881.

THE UNITED ASBESTOS
ORIENTAL AGENCY

Sole Agents for the
UNITED ASBESTOS COM-
PANY, LTD. LONDON.
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
General Agents.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1897.

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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE - HONGKONG.

Court of Directors -
D. Gilles, Esq. Chan Kit Shan, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
J. T. Louis, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Acling Cheif Manager,
GEO. MUNRO.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per
Cent. per Account.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1897. [7]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$7,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
St. C. Michalek, Esq. - Chairman.
Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving - Deputy Chairman.
C. Beutman, Esq. A. L. Raymond, Esq.
G. D. Böding, Esq. R. L. Richardson, Esq.
G. H. Dodwell, Esq. R. Shaw, Esq.
R. M. Gray, Esq. N. A. Siebs, Esq.
David Gubay, Esq. G. Gould Slade, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong - T. Jackson, Esq.
MANAGER
Shanghai - P. Wade Gardner, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS - LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG - INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.
per Account on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Account.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Account.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Account.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1897. [8]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 per
Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE - LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$300,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS.....\$300,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$375,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per
Account on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

" " " 6 " 38 "

" " " 7 " 28 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1897. [10]

INSURANCES.

THE
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE
COMPANY

has long taken the lead in SIMPLIFYING the
CONDITIONS and LIBERALISING the
CONTRACT of LIFE ASSURANCE, thereby
giving greatly increased Security to the Holders
of the Company's Policies.

For full Particulars and Rates,
Apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [11]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [12]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000} \$83,333.33
EQUAL TO.....\$318,000.00
RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Lee Sing, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.

Lou Tso Shum, Esq.

MANAGER - HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS or GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 3 & 4, PRAYA WEST,

Hongkong, 17th December, 1896. [13]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSUNG FAT,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [14]

Intimations.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in
the above Company will be held at the Head
Office, Victoria, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the
and October, at Twelve o'clock, NOON, for the
purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors
and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last
and of Declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
CLOSED from the 10th September to the 2nd
October, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [15]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of MEMBERS of the above CLUB will be
held in the CITY HALL TO-MORROW, at
2.30 P.M., the 2nd October.
By Order of the Stewards.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 18th September, 1897. [16]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-
FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held at its
HEAD OFFICE, No. 4, the Praya, Hongkong, on
WEDNESDAY, the 13th October, 1897, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of
the Directors together with statements of accounts
for the year 1896 and for the half year ending
the 30th June, 1897, and of declaring Dividends.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society
will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 13th
October, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th September, 1897. [17]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned
at 3 o'clock P.M., on MONDAY, the 18th
October.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 4th to the 18th October,
both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON, CHINA, LTD.
Hongkong, 24th September, 1897. [18]

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT 7 PER CENT. SILVER LOAN OF 1886, E.

22ND HALF-YEARLY DRAWING.

INTEREST DUE and DRAWN BONDS of
this LOAN will be PAYABLE at the
Offices of the CORPORATION on and after the
30th September, 1897.

Lists of DRAWN BONDS can be obtained on
application to the Undersigned.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
Agents issuing the Loan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 29th September, 1897. [19]

GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH NORTH
BORNEO.

GOVERNMENT OF LABUAN.

TENDERS will be received by the SECRETARY
to the GOVERNOR, SANDAKAN, on
or before 15th November next, for the following
Revenue Farm for 1898:-

OPIUM FARM.

SPIRIT LICENSE FARM,
PAWNBROKING FARM,
CUSTOMS FARM for NORTH BORNEO
only.

GAMBLING RESTRICTION FARM for
NORTH BORNEO.

For Particulars, apply to
Messrs. BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & CO.,
Hongkong, 24th September, 1897. [20]

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Authorized Mr. PAUL
WITKOWSKI to SIGN our FIRM per
Procuration.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,

Hongkong and China,
29th September, 1897. [21]

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

EXTENSION OF VISIT.

OWING TO PRESSURE OF BUSINESS

PROFESSOR WINTER
will remain here till the
15th OCTOBER.

GREATEST BLESSING OF LIFE.

PROFESSOR H. WINTER,
The GREAT AMERICAN-INDIAN EXPERT,
Wants to Cure Hard and Soft Corns, Blisters,
Callus, Ingrowing Nails and Warts.

Guarantees to take them out without pain or
drawing blood, and further guarantees to per-
form a perfect cure.

Has Arrived in HONGKONG, and will re-
main here until October 1st, at the

HONGKONG HOTEL,

ROOM No. 83, 84, and at his OFFICE No. 29,

Queen's Road Central, under the

HONGKONG HOTEL.

OFFICE HOURS from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

CONSULTATION FREE OF CHARGE.

Those who with Mr. WINTER to visit them
will please send their address, and he will call
on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS, between 2 and

5 P.M.

CHARGES MODERATE.

The Professor speaks English, German,

French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1897. [22]

NOTICE.

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LIMITED

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CHAU TSUNG FAT,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [23]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(a)

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

LONDONJapanT. LeighNoon, 2nd Oct. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAIThametE. R. DODWELL, R. N. R. About 3rd Oct. Freight or Passage.

JAPAN, &c. Sunda

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1897.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto carried on by me will from THIS DATE be carried on under the Style or Firm name of Messrs. MOUNSEY and BRUTTON.

K. W. MOUNSEY.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1499]

NOTICE.

I, THE Undersigned former Proprietor of THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM hereby give notice that the business of THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM has now been SOLD and that all CLAIMS whatsoever against the said THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM up to the 30th September last must be sent to me at the said THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM on or before the 30th October next.

No CLAIMS will be received after that date.

NG PAK TO.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1500]

NOTICE.

PERSONS having any CLAIMS against the estate of the late LIEUT. W. RAMAGE DAWSON, R.A., or owing any money to that estate are requested to communicate with MAJOR HANHAM, R.A., at Rosehill, Caine Road, on or before 1st November, 1897, after which date no claim can be considered.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1502]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship "SUNGKIAN," Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1503]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship "DEUCALION," Captain B. Branch, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 5th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1504]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship on WEDNESDAY ATROCUS." For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1505]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship "DARDANUS," Captain Gregory, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th instant.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1506]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.

THE Company's Steamship "Niwachi Maru," Captain J. S. Thompson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 15th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior Accommodation for First and Second-class Passengers and is lighted by Electricity throughout. A duly qualified Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1503]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA STRAITS AND COLOMBO.

(Taking cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship "OANFA."

Captain John A. Davies, will be despatched as above on or about the 20th instant.

For Freight, &c., apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1504]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "COPTIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from steamer.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1504]

To-day's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeeland Street, THIS EVENING, the 1st October, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1467]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. E. D. SASSOON & CO., to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW,

SATURDAY, the 2nd day of October, 1897, at 11 A.M.

at their OFFICES in QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

1 chest BENARFS OPIUM ex S.S. "Calcutta" marked E. D. S. & CO., No. 919, more or less damaged by sea water.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [1501]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO.'S WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSNS and other Large Consumers.

1st inst., to be addressed to the

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1370]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CANNE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Material can be supplied, if required.

The Superfessor will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1897. [1400]

NOW READY!

COMMERCIAL AND STATISTICAL PAPERS.

No. 1—APRIL, 1897.

Being reports of meetings of Companies and Corporations for periods ending 31st December, 1896.

This pamphlet is published for the convenience of the Commercial Community, and for sale.

PRICE \$1 PER COPY,

at the office of the

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,"

No. 6, Pader's Hill.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1897. [176]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph," and not to the Editor.

Letters on editorial matters are to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

With the columns of the "Hongkong Telegraph" will always be found a full and impartial statement of all questions affecting public interest; it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISE.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than Three o'clock so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisers and Subscribers which are not ordered for a time will be charged for the time of publication.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" has the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East, and is therefore the best medium for Advertisers. Terms can be learnt on application to No. 1, Telegraphic address—"Telegraph, Hongkong," 1st August, 1897.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

BY APPOINTMENT.

WINES & SPIRITS.

WE beg to call attention to our PRICE LIST OF WINES AND SPIRITS as below:

As these are all selected and bought first hand by our London House we save any intermediate profits and are thereby enabled to supply the best qualities at Moderate Prices.

PORT.

(For Invalids and General Use.)

Per doz. Per Bot.

B VINTAGE, superior quality, Red Capsule.....\$14.40 \$1.20

C FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule.....16.20 1.35

D VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).....20.40 1.70

SHERRY.

Per doz. Per Bot.

B SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule.....\$10.50 \$0.90

C MANDARINA, PALE NATURAL SHERRY, White Capsule.....12.00 1.00

CC SUPERIOR OLD PALE NATURAL SHERRY, Red Seal Capsule.....12.00 1.00

D VERY SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule.....14.40 1.20

E EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, very fine quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled).....20.40 1.70

B C, and C are excellent dinner Wines or for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after-dinner Wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.

Per doz. Per Bot.

B ST. ESTEPHE, Red Capsule.....\$6.60 \$1.50

C ST. JULIEN, Red Capsule.....9.00 9.60 0.75 0.40

D LA ROSE, Red Capsule.....12.96 13.92 1.10 0.60

SAT. FOY.....7.20 7.92 0.60 0.35

CUSSAC.....9.60 10.44 0.80 0.45

CHATEAU D'ANGLADE.....13.20 14.40 1.10 0.60

CHATEAU HAUT BRION, LARIVIÈRE.....18.60 19.20 1.60 0.80

CHATEAU MOUTON RIVET.....18.60 19.20 1.60 0.80

TON D'ARMAL.....14.40 15.20 1.80 0.90

HAQ.....21.00 22.20 1.80 0.90

TON D'ARMAL.....21.00 22.20 1.80 0.90

BRANDY.

Per Case. Per doz. Per Bot.

A HENNESSY'S OLD PALE, Red Capsule.....\$18.00 \$1.50

B HENNESSY'S OLD PALE, Blue Capsule.....18.00 18.00 1.75

C VERY OLD LIQUEUR COONAC.....24.00 2.00

V.O. D HENNESSY'S FINEST VERY OLD LIQUEUR COONAC, 1875 Vintage, Red Capsule.....36.00 3.00

V.V.O. E FINEST VERY OLD LIQUEUR COONAC, 1862

The Club Vence de Gama (Portuguese) on the 25th ult. sent a congratulatory telegram to the King of Portugal on the anniversary of his birthday. On the 6th prox. the Club will be informed of his Majesty's reply and a celebration will follow.

A CHIEF PROCURATOR of the Wakayama District Court has been committed for trial for extorting money from a litigant. A farmer had prosecuted as employed for embezzlement, and obtained a conviction, but could not get the stolen money back. The Procurator got much of it back, by the ordinary police methods, but represented that it was by private effort for which he demanded and obtained remuneration of \$1,200.

The French man-of-war *Bayard* (flagship), the *DesCartes* and *Incognito* were at Chemsipo on the 20th ult., and the Russian gun-boat *Slyuch* was also in harbour.

On the 18th ult. the Osaka branch of the Bank of Japan forwarded to Tokyo by rail a consignment of 10 and 20 yen, gold pieces to the value of 5 million yen, which had been recently delivered by the Imperial Mint.

The manager of the Keihin gold mines came down to Bangkok, the other day, with it is reported, three kilos or over six and a half pounds of pure gold from there. A ten stamp battery is now in operation at the mines.

A NATIVE upstretches that one of the stipulations made by the Japanese with the Chinese authorities upon the former accepting the site of the proposed Japanese settlement reserved by the local authorities, is that there shall be no other foreign settlement allowed contiguous to the Japanese boundaries in the future. The Japanese intend to be exclusive.

The O.S.S. *Patroclus*, which should have left Yokohama at daylight on Tuesday 14th ult. for Kobe, was detained by order of the British Consulate, on the complaint of the first office of the Austrian Lloyd steamer *Meltemia*. During the recent typhoon the *Patroclus* dragged her anchors and collided against the bows of the *Meltemia*, damage being done, it is alleged, to the amount of \$30,000.

"PROFESSOR" Davis, a cancer specialist, and Dr. Spark were committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter by Coroners' Chamber at the inquest on the body of the widow Margaret Ellen Beames held at Melbourne on 28th ult. The deceased suffered from a cancer on the tongue, and was treated by Davis and Spark with arsenic plaster placed on the affected part. Accused were allowed bail in two sureties of £5 each and themselves in £100 each.

A FAREWELL dinner was given at the Astor House, Shanghai, on Friday evening, 24th ult., to Dr. J. Taylor Grant by a number of his friends, who presented him with a silver tea service and an address engraved on a vellum and handsomely bound in morocco. The Rev. Dr. Stevens presided and several complimentary speeches were made, to which Dr. Grant replied. Dr. Grant was also the recipient of an address from the medical practitioners of Shanghai.

TELEGRAMS have been received in Shanghai from Hankow to the effect that the coal mines at Maanshan, Hupeh, caught fire on the 16th ult., and that in spite of all efforts the conflagration "underground" cannot be stopped. The catastrophe will be most disastrous to the port on railway materials and small arms now in hand at the HanYang Iron Works, as that establishment depends on the Maanshan colliery for the coal used for smelting, etc.

IT is reported that the Shanghai mandarins will hand over control of the new Chinese bank, outside the east gate of the native city, within a month from now, to the Viceroy's newly-appointed Superintendent of Roads, Colonel Tcheng Ki-tung, and that the new Superintendent has obtained the Viceroy Liu's consent to the appointment of a foreign Inspector of police to look after the bank. A steam roller for use on the road has been ordered from abroad.

ROYAL VISITS TO IRELAND.

The recent progress of the Duke and Duchess of York through the "Emerald Isle" has called attention to the fact that Ireland has not been treated well by the British sovereigns in the way of friendly visits. It may be of interest to the reader to know how seldom a British sovereign has visited Ireland since the abdication of James II.

No British sovereign visited Ireland between William III, (whose visit certainly was not one of pleasure) and George IV. As with sovereigns, so with subjects. When the present Lord Devon's father visited his vast estates in Lismore, he was informed that no member of the family had visited them since the time of Charles II.

Again, until the late Lord Portarlington visited his property in Westford, it was a tradition that no bearer of the title had ever been there.

George IV's visit was made at a time when his ministers told him that it was absolutely necessary he should endeavour to make a new departure to mitigate the intense unpopularity he had incurred. His speeches to the people out-blanked blarney, but went down amazingly. When his barge left "dirty" Dunleary—named Kingstown in his honour—men swam after the barge to try and kiss his hands.

The Queen herself has been to Ireland—first in 1830, accompanied by the Prince Consort and their children; again in 1854, when she was present at the Dublin International Exhibition, also with the Prince Consort; and finally in 1865. On each of these occasions the Prince of Wales accompanied Her Majesty, and in 1868 he paid a fourth visit—on this occasion having with him the Princess of Wales for the first time, and she also accompanied him on both his later visits in 1871 and 1885, the latter of which was for four weeks. The Duke of Edinburgh has also visited Dublin, taking part with Earl Spencer in a review in Phoenix Park. The Princess Louise was there in 1871, while the Duke of Connaught was for a time stationed in Dublin. This is not the first visit of the Duke of York, but the Duchess has never before set foot on Irish soil.

Howth Castle, where the Duke and Duchess of York have been the guests, during part of their stay in Dublin, of Lord and Lady Ashbourne, who had rented it for the season, is one of the most interesting residences in the United Kingdom, and full of historic associations, says the *Westminster Gazette*. The family name of the Earls of Howth—whose residence the Castle has been for six centuries—is Tidmarsh. This residence was exchanged for St. Lawrence, from the son of Sir Amyot Tidmarsh, on St. Lawrence's day, 1777, effected a landing at Howth, and attacked the fort in a battle, obtaining as a reward the lands and barony of Howth. The sword with which he fought still hangs in the castle of Howth Castle, where there is also a portrait of Dame Swift by Bindon, which was given by the Duke of York, which is a superbly executed portrait.

The *Westminster Gazette* adds from the utterances of the Japanese press that the *Japan Times*—the Tokyo Journal, owned by Japanese and printed in the Japanese language—does not fully satisfy the aspirations of the nation. The *Shoghi Shimbun* tells its readers that since the war Japan has become an indispensable part of the world, diplomatically, commercially, and socially, and it behoves Japan to have an organ in which the national views shall be expressed for the protection of her interests, and the furtherance of her rights. That paper, it says, must be translated in English, which is the language of the world. That Japan has already begun to appreciate the necessity of this great cause for congratulation. Our contemporary adds that it is a characteristic peculiarity of the Japanese people that they are ever ready to sacrifice their own interests for the larger interests of their country. The *Shoghi* calls upon the well-educated people of Japan to publish the ideal paper, and while it abhors the promoters of the *Japan Times* for their efforts, it seems that the leading minds of Japan, which shall be equal to the London *Times*, will satisfy the national aspirations of the Japanese people.

At 4 o'clock the gun-boat *Peacock* was being seriously attacked.

ATTEMPTED MURDER IN THE HARBOUR.

About 11 o'clock last night William Payne, P.C. 40, who was on water police duty in Causeway Bay, heard loud shouting emanating apparently from a boat near by. He steered his pinnace in that direction and saw two boats lying alongside each other. In one of them was a boatman, very excited, and there was blood on the deck of the boat. The constable arrested the boatman and took him into the pinnace. The prisoner told him in English that he had cut a woman's throat. The boat was searched but no one could be found. Payne then went into the other sampan, he saw two men; a woman and a lot of children. The deck of this boat also was covered with blood. After looking over the boat he found a woman lying under a blanket close to the port side, with the side next to the other boat. She was bleeding profusely from a wound in the neck. He put her on board the other boat and towed her to the Tsim-ka-wei station. The woman was about sixty years of age and had a deep gash in the throat. The prisoner was sent on board the boat, and in his presence Inspector Hanson asked the woman who had wounded her. She pointed to the prisoner and said he did it and was her brother-in-law. She added that he was a little crazy. The prisoner was told that he was charged with cutting and wounding the woman, and, although the constable confined him that he need not say anything, he wished, and that it might be used as evidence against him, the prisoner said "Yes, I did it." When the prisoner saw the constable looking for the weapon he said he had thrown it overboard. The woman was sent to the Government Civil Hospital and is still in a very serious state.

The prisoner, name Lo Man, who was the master of the fourth class boat, No. 1712, was brought up at the Police Court to-day. He was charged with cutting and wounding the woman with intent to commit murder. Evidence was given by Constable Payne and Inspector Hanson, and when the depositions of the latter relating to the part in which he admitted his guilt, were read the prisoner interrupted and said "Yes, he told the truth." The case was remanded till to-morrow morning. Inspector Hanson suggested that it would be advisable in the meantime to place the prisoner under observation and the Magistrate acceded.

THE "SPY" MANIA.

To travel in itself is a liberal education, says the *Kobu Chronicle*, and a kind of education which a large class of Japanese publicists sadly need. It is related that when General Kawakami and his suite were being shown over the fortifications of Vladivostok—fancy Russians being shown over Japanese fortifications—member of the suite was observed in the very act of making a surreptitious sketch. So far from having the offender put at once into chains and exiled to Saghalien, a Russian officer, with a strong sense of humour, helped the disconcerted Japanese to complete the sketch and to improve it. One of the Osaki papers, we notice, contains a report of an interview with Major Aoki, who was a member of General Kawakami's suite, and the Major, it seemed, waxed eloquent to the interviewer upon the childrenless exhibited in the Japanese press, where all Russian visitors are regarded as spies. 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No. 398.

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By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th September, 1897. [1481]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 4th day of October, 1897, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

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T. Hansen, Master, will be despatched for the above port on or about the 6th October.

To be followed by the Steamship

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on or about the 25th October.

For Freight, apply to

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FOR NEW YORK, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ENERGIA."

to sail about 7th October, 1897.

S.S. "MACDUFF" to sail about 30th Oct. 1897.

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"ABNER COBURN," Captain M. L. Park, is loading here for the above port and will have quick despatch.

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